



ARC-OVER

Turlock Amateur Radio Club (T.A.R.C.)



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September 2025

The next general club meeting is Tuesday September 9, 2025, at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.



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From the desk of the V.P. and ARC-Over editor:
Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to the September edition of the ARC-OVER. This month there will be a presentation by Ken KF6IDK on Anderson power poles. This will be a very informative presentation, and you will learn how to install these connectors. Also, Ken has provided a couple of power pole items for the raffle. Congratulations to John Patterson for passing his Technician exam.

We want to thank all of those who helped organize the Fox Hunt. Don W6DEJ, Kevin KO6HCZ, and President Eric K7RKU for the BBQ. Check out the pictures taken by Don W6DEJ.

One of the upcoming events you may want to check out is the California QSO Party:

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October (October 4 to October 5, 2025 1600 UTC to 2200 UTC). The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club ([NCCC](#)) has sponsored CQP. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar.

Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the [multipliers](#). California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 13 Canadian provinces/territories are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of [CQP Rules](#) for more details.

On this site you will find lots of information, so peruse the index above and learn all about the California QSO Party! Also, be sure to visit the [NCCC](#) website for the latest scoop on a super contest club. For more information check out the web site at <https://www.cqp.org>.

Another activity that you may want to check out is the special event station K6C to celebrate the 175th anniversary of California Statehood:

Special Event Station K6C will operate at the California State Capitol Park on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in celebration of the [175th Anniversary of California statehood](#). All are welcome to visit and participate at the amateur radio station in the Capitol Park Cactus Garden at 15th & N Streets in Sacramento, and to contact the station on the air. K6C will operate various modes, including the target phone frequencies of 7.290, 14.290, and 28.390 MHz +/- QRM, from 7 AM to 9 PM Pacific Time (1400-0400 UTC). Contacts count towards Parks On The Air credit. For a special edition QSL card, go to specialevent.arrlsacvalley.org for instructions on how to request your downloadable QSL confirming successful contacts with this special event station.

As you can see there are lots of things going on locally and in the surrounding area on amateur radio. As I write this article I heard W6T calling CQ for Arizona Parks on the Air and Route 66 on 20 meters, 14.256.00. I took a minute and made contact with this station. Look over the upcoming events page for additional information. There is something for everyone. If you have anything to submit to the ARC-OVER, please let me know at kf6npg@aol.com.

For the latest information on amateur radio activities follow the club on discord, face book, club website, and read the ARC-OVER.

Remember September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Check out the READY.GOV web site for more information <https://www.ready.gov>. I look forward to seeing everyone at the club meeting.



Arc-Over “Message from the President” Article - September 2025

More “Hands On” Activities On Deck!

Have you wondered really how antennas work? Heard of that magic “ideal” dipole antenna? Well get ready to gain some understanding and have some fun with our October antenna build! We’ll have one of our club’s antenna experts, Tim WI6NG helping us build a simple 20m dipole. This antenna design can easily be adapted to any HF, VHF, or UHF band!

Working with a Tech license for now? Try the 10m version and use that slice of the 10m band that’s open to Techs! Feeling like overdoing it, and have some space to string up an antenna? Buy a BUNCH of wire and get going on 160m! We’ll also have post-build antenna tuning in our trusty “Field Location” - the Salvation Army parking lot... This is usually the most fun part of the build!

Also, over the next few weeks we’ll be putting together another group POTA! These outings have been a huge success for us and a great chance for EVERYONE to get on the air with HF contacts. And there’s nothing that prevents us from using VHF or UHF simplex for POTA, so maybe we’ll try that too! No equipment or experience is needed - we’ll have stations set up for all to enjoy! We’ll have a date for this POTA finalized by the time of the general membership meeting on 09/09/2025. 😊

We also had a great Fox Hunt led by Don W6DEJ and Kevin KO6HZC on 08/16/2025 and our winner was Fernando W6FRD! I’m looking forward to another crack at it next time we go out! We have another Fox Hunt expert in the club - Mike AD6AA as well, so I can’t wait to see what kind of twists he’ll add to the upcoming hunts!

I look forward to seeing you all at the September Meeting!

Eric (K7RKU)
President, Turlock Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club
August 12, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
Regular Club Meeting
Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Eric McMillan with 28 members and guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report:

President McMillan entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion made by Capt. Jeff and seconded by Dinnie Echols and motion carried.

Presidents Report (comments): discussion about the "lending library", stickers & shirts, raffle prize an HF antenna, looking for helpers and a "Certificate of Heroism" relative to field day.

Treasurer's Report:

Report presented by Treasurer Lena: on Account balances, checking and CD balances as well as disbursements (set forth in attached spread sheet)

Membership Chairman's Report:

John Sims present

Repeater Chairman's Report:

Spencer Boyd reported on the rebuild of the Turlock low level repeater as well as engineering on Mt. Bullion DMR and Dstar systems.

ArcOver Publisher's Report: Lucian Thomas mentioned due date of 20th of each month, with some limited flexibility.

Vice President's Report: Lucian reported that the Root Beer Float special was tonight, thanks to Capt Jeff for the refrigeration. Discussion as to an upcoming Fox Hunt. Lucian reported on upcoming S.J. Valley Zoom meetings and SJ ARRL reports . More info was available on the ArcOver. Also National Preparedness Month upcoming in Modesto at Enslen park and Pacificon on the horizon.

Merced ARES Report: Dave still under the weather and Lucian reported to use Google Meets

VEC Report: Richard Larson reported that John Patterson, of Atwater, has passed the Tech test tonight and there will additional test sessions in the balance of 2025.

Old Business: It was reported that Zeffee was in place, issues of a POTA event would be taken up later, as well as antenna build function in planning, also a special events committee being formed.

New Business: News about the Fox Hunt, Terry to take over the Net on Thursday mornings as well as Kevin having upgraded from Tech to General.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 pm. Motion by Greg, Second by Capt Jeff Motion carried.

Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) Secretary



TARC Discord Server

Turlock Amateur Radio Club
Income Expenses
August 31, 2025

Beginning Bank Balance as of Bank Statement 07/31/2025		<u>\$ 7,027.13</u>
42721	Raffle	255.00
47210	Membership Dues	35.00
47500	Stickers	20.00
47301	Donations - Field Day	38.00
46750	T-Shirt Sales	208.00
Total Income		<u><u>\$ 556.00</u></u>
62890	Utilities - PG&E	164.16
47275	Raffle Purchase - July (Anytone Radio)	143.37
65036	Reimburse: Eric McMillian T-Shirts Sold	329.00
62150	Reimburse: Spencer Boyd Mail Chimp	131.43
Total Expenses		<u><u>\$ 767.96</u></u>
Ending Banks Balance 08/31/2025		<u><u>\$ 6,815.17</u></u>





Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

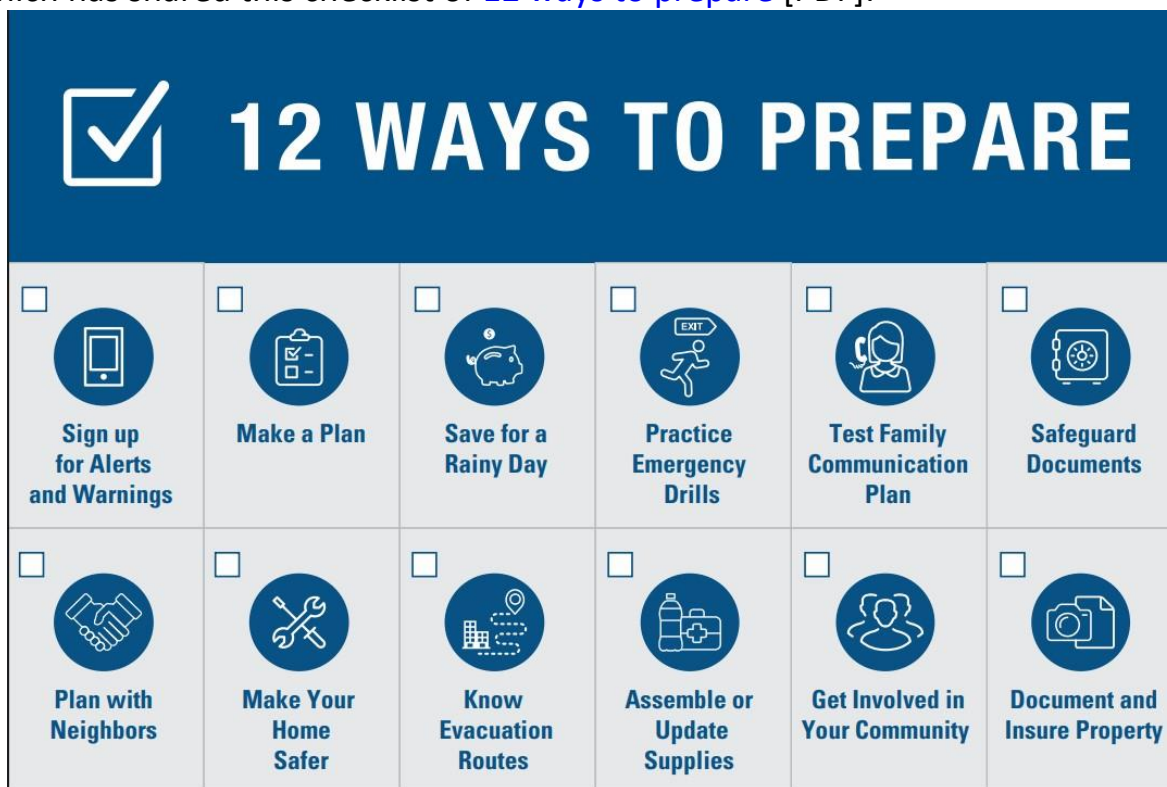
If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm and will be held over ZOOM. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email Dave to get on the list for the meetings at dave.anderson@arrl.net . For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Dave KG6NUO.



National Preparedness Month: 12 Ways to Prepare

September is [National Preparedness Month](#), and ARRL is working to arm members with knowledge and resources to be resilient in the face of disaster. Amateur radio serves as a powerful tool and national resource before and [When All Else Fails®](#), but being prepared goes beyond radio. “Being ready to serve your community through ham radio begins with being ready yourself,” says ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV. Johnston spent 17 years as a county emergency manager before coming to lead programs such as the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®). “Having a plan and preparing yourself will improve your chances of being resilient in the face of disaster.”

ARES works closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which has shared this checklist of [12 ways to prepare](#) [PDF]:



- Sign up for alerts and warnings
- Make a plan
- Save for a rainy day
- Practice emergency drills
- Test family communication plan

- Safeguard documents
- Plan with neighbors
- Make your home safer
- Know evacuation routes
- Assemble or update supplies
- Get involved in your community
- Document and insure property

You can find more information and resources at www.ready.gov/september and at www.arri.org/ares.



<https://www.ready.gov>

Photos Courtesy Don W6DEJ

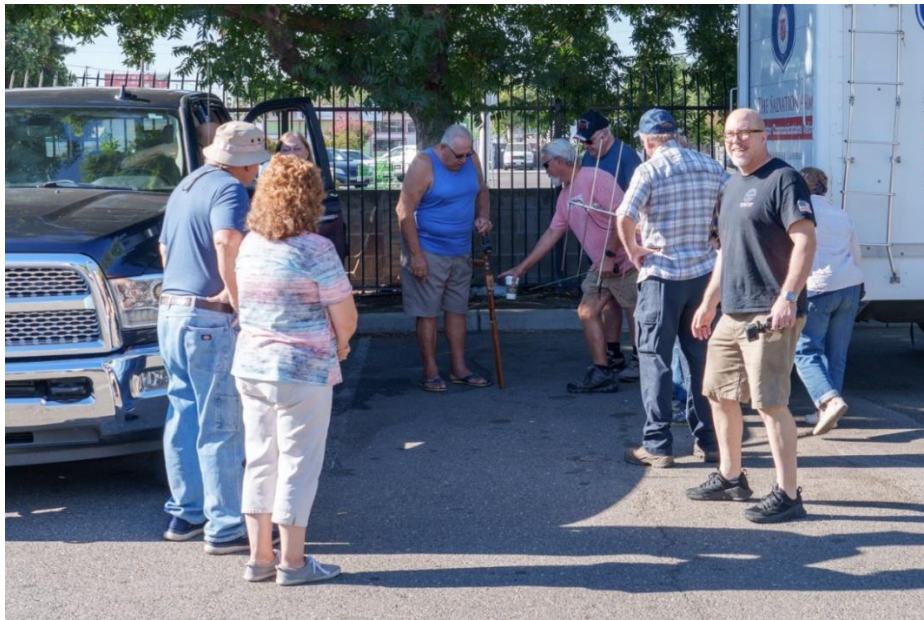


Enjoying Root Beer Floats

Fox Hunt



The Hunting Party



The Hunt Briefing



Relaxing after the Hunt



The Happy Hunter

UPCOMING EVENTS

The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2025.

February 11, 2025, April 8, 2025, June 10, 2025, August 12, 2025, and October 14, 2025.

September

Tuesday 9th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation by Ken KF6IDK on Anderson power poles.

Wednesday 17th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrrl.net .

Saturday 20th Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Preparedness Day. Enslin Park Modesto, CA 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information refer to the attached flyer.

October

4th and 5th Saturday and Sunday 1600 UTC to 2200 UTC California QSO Party (CQP). Great way to make some HF contacts.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10th to 12th 2025 Pacificon. San Ramon Marriott 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA. Refer to attached flyer for more information.

Tuesday 14th. Club meeting is at 7:00 pm, doors will open at 7:00 pm, as there will be a ham testing session at 6:00pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Antenna build coordinated by Tim W16NG and Eric K7RKU

Wednesday 15th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arri.net .

November

Tuesday 11th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation TBA.

Wednesday 19th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arri.net .

Saturday 22nd 51st annual Turkey Trot Run at Donnelly Park. More information to follow.

December

Friday 5th 46th annual Turlock Christmas Parade. More information to follow.

Tuesday 9th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation TBA.

Wednesday 17th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arri.net .



Preparedness Day!

September 20th | 10 AM - 2 PM

📍 Enslen Park Modesto, CA

Let's Get Ready!



72 hour kit guide!



Safety demonstrations!
Hands only CPR!
Stop the bleed!



Community resources!

Find out more at www.stanemergency.com



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PACIFICONSM 2025



All Day Friday
Antenna Seminar

Saturday Breakfast
with Gordon West

QRP activities return

Friday evening
MDARC Meeting



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Ham License Testing

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Special Events Station



ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION HAM RADIO CONVENTION

**Experience three great
days of activities at Pacificon!!**

Produced by the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

October 10, 11 & 12, 2025
San Ramon Marriott
2600 Bishop Drive
San Ramon, California 94583

**GENERAL ADMISSION:
\$35 IN ADVANCE - FOR ALL 3 DAYS!**

*Tickets at the door will cost \$45; 17 years old & under are free;
College Students with valid student ID (25 & under): \$5*

*** Some events have additional cost ***

If you need hotel accommodations
either reserve your room on-line through
www.pacificon.org, or call Marriott Hotel Reservations
at 925-867-9200, by Sept 17, 2025 (per availability)
to ask for the Special Pacificon rate of \$174/night

**Go to the Pacificon Website for
Events - Schedules - Registration
WWW.PACIFICON.ORG**

*** Events are subject to change – check website **
For current "Pacificon Rules and Policies" see website*



Outstanding
Technical Forums

Sunday
Swap Meet

Electronics
Kit Building

Scouts-On-The-Air &
Merit Badge Class



Gordon West's
Ham Instructor Academy

Saturday Banquet
with Keynote Speaker

One Day Technician
License Prep Class

T-Hunts!
Saturday & Sunday



TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Club Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday (club meeting night)
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net – Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Valley Section ARES Net – Sundays 7:30 PM

2025 Dues

You can now join or renew your membership for 2025. Your dues help with paying for the rent and maintenance of the TARC repeater system and club events. If you have not already done so, please consider joining or renewing your club membership. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

2025 Club Officers

To protect TARC members' personal information, we will no longer post the list of members on the club website. For all club inquiries, including membership status, please send an email to info@w6bxn.org.

President Eric K7RKU

Secretary Walter KI6PB

Sergeant at Arms Jerry KN6GJK

Member at Large Bambi KI6YQL

Vice President/ARC-OVER Editor Lucian KF6NPG

Treasurer Lena KN6VOH

Member at Large John N6JCS

Club Trustee Spencer KJ6ART

